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For METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LIBERATING OXYGEN
 ISOTOPES FROM OXYGEN-CONTAINING SOLIDS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 4", insert
instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 5", insert
instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 7", insert
instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or 10",

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11",

Claim 13, line 1, delete " to 12",